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In re Application of:

John R. Fredlund et al.

SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
AUTHENTICATING A DIGITALLY  
CAPTURED IMAGE

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants received the office action mailed February 14, 2006 indicating that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species, and requiring Applicants to elect one of the species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable.

Claims 12-15 and 30-32 are generic.

If no generic claim is held to be allowable, Applicants hereby elect the species directed to a method and system of authentication wherein the digital still image is not transmitted to a remote location, encompassed by Claims 1-7, 21-29, 33-36, and 40-43.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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